GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES
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Food Processing
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Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether only 2 per cent food produced in the country is processed and packaged in containers and rest is consumed fresh or spoilt and if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(b) whether the Government proposes to improve the status of processing of foods in the country and if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether the Government has launched any campaign for food processing and packaging them in container and if so, the details thereof.

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES
(SADHVI NIRANJAN JYOTI)

(a): The level of processing in perishable products in India is estimated at 2.1% in fruits and vegetables, 35% in milk and milk products, 21% in meat, 6% in poultry and 23% in marine. Central Institute of Post-Harvest Engineering and Technology(CIPHET), Ludhiana has assessed average wastage from 4.65% -15.88% in various crops resulting in annual loss of Rs.92,651 crore at wholesale price index of 2014.

(b) & (c): To promote food processing units in the country, the Ministry of Food Processing Industries is implementing schemes of Mega Food Parks, Cold Chain, Value addition and Preservation Infrastructure, Setting up of Modernization of Abattoirs and Strengthening of Institutions. Under these schemes, grant-in-aid is given for setting up projects. Further 100% FDI is allowed on automatic route in food processing in the country. Recently, Government also announced 100% FDI in marketing of food products produced and manufactured in India.

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